

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action of February 14, 2005. A One Month Extension of Time to respond is enclosed, together with the fee.

In the requirement for election, the Examiner has set up three groups of claims, and has mentioned Group IV. It is respectfully believed that Group IV likely claims 30-32, which were not mentioned in the introductory portions of the detailed action.

In any event, the Applicant does hereby provisionally elect to prosecute claims drawn to a process of obtaining samples from a cascade impactor, namely, those defined in claims 1-10, and as now amended, it is respectfully believed that claims 11-29 are also to the same process.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the amendment to claim 11, the independent claim in the Group, and it can be seen that this process is to the method of processing particles, and that the recited in claim 11 is to the same invention as that recited in claim 1, but includes additional limitations. However, there is no method of cleaning an impactor in claim 11, inasmuch as that has been removed, but it does relate to classifying the particles for processing, as does claim 1, and that the cups that are used for containing the particles are in a manifold, as recited in claim 1 as well. The impactor cup manifold of claim 11 and the compartment manifold of claim 1 are both then mounted onto a service manifold and a solvent is introduced in claim 11 for dissolving material in the compartments (the cups in claim 11), and then the simultaneous movement of the service manifold and the impactor cup manifold of claim 11 is the same concept or invention as the simultaneous moving of the compartment manifold and service manifold in claim 1.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 11, as now amended, is properly included in Group I with claims 1-10, and action to include all of claims 1-29 in this elected Group is respectfully requested.

To reaffirm the election, the Applicant elects to prosecute the claims drawn to a process of obtaining samples from a cascade impactor, and that originally the claims that were in this category were claims 1-10, and now it is respectfully submitted that they also include claims 11-29, so that claims 1-29 should be examined in this same application.

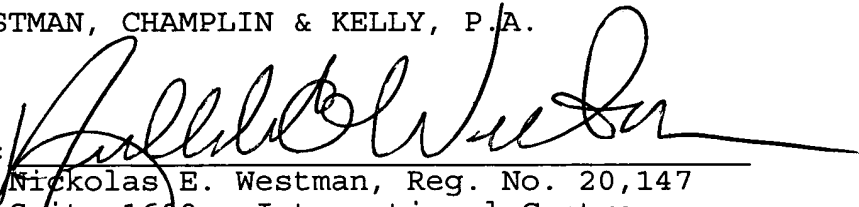
Favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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